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It is with profound regret and sorrow that we inform you of the death of our good friend and ISU Honorary Member

Mr. Lars-Olof Eklund

At the time of his passing he was ISU Honorary Member, a role to which he was elected at the 47th Ordinary ISU Congress held in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1998.

Mr. Lars-Olof Eklund died in Stockholm, Sweden, on May 26, 2010, at the age of 79.

Born on October 18, 1930, Mr. Eklund served as President of the Swedish Speed Skating Association from 1982-1985.

At the 1973 ISU Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark, he was elected as one of the members as part of a special committee designated to study the implementation of the discipline of Short Track Speed Skating at the international level.

In 1975 at the ISU Congress in Munich, West Germany, Mr. Eklund was elected as one of the first Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee Members and served in this capacity until 1977. He was elected Chairman of that Committee in 1977, a position he held until 1980 and subsequently became a Speed Skating Technical Committee Member in 1984. Mr. Eklund was also member of the Appeals Commission for Speed Skating from 1982-1984 and an ISU Council Member from 1992 until 1998.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Marie-Louise Eklund, four children, and eight grand children.

The ISU pays tribute to Mr. Eklund's devoted service to the ISU and the sport of Speed Skating, and asks Members to remember him with affection.

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